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SAN DIEGO – On June 14-24, the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command served as the Navy site for the annual Joint Warrior Interoperability Demonstration (JWID).

JWID (<u>www.jwid.js.mil</u>) tested and evaluated capabilities that exchange information among agencies, U.S. armed forces / combatant commands and coalition partners. The exercise examined a range of technologies that enhance the growing "information sharing" culture, requiring better situational awareness, collaboration and decision-making.

The exercise featured two integrated scenarios connected by a global network:

Homeland Defense: Local, state and federal agencies responded to a terrorist attack within the United States and were tied to U.S.-led Multinational Task Force operations on another continent.

Multinational Task Force: JWID provided a framework that allowed interoperability trials through a full range of military operations conducted by U.S. and coalition forces. The operations were set in a notional area – the southeast coast of Africa – in the fictitious countries of Tallobland (Florida), Lumbia (South Carolina) and Maykan (Georgia).

JWID Background

JWID is an annual event that enables combatant commanders, national civic authorities and the international community to investigate new and emerging interoperability solutions. The global network on which JWID is based encompasses nearly 30 sites supporting eight countries, as well as nine primary network sites located in the United States. JWID requires three network domains, each of which features tailored security levels to provide maximum information sharing according to functional and diplomatic relationships.

About SPAWAR / PEO C4I & Space (<u>www.enterprise.spawar.navy.mil</u>)

Headquartered in San Diego, SPAWAR is the Navy's Chief Engineer for C4I systems. The command is in the forefront of designing the architectural and technical standards for FORCEnet. FORCEnet is at the heart of the Navy's movement to operate its forces in a network centric environment and is the foundation upon which the Chief of Naval Operations has based the SeaPower 21 philosophy. Ultimately, FORCEnet will significantly enhance knowledge superiority by allowing Navy and Marine Corps elements to link with joint, allied and coalition forces through seamless interoperability.

PEO C4I & Space acquires, fields and supports C4I and ground-based space systems for the joint warfighter. The PEO manages more than 100 acquisition programs and projects that cover all C4I disciplines – applications, networks, communications and intelligence systems for both afloat platforms and shore commands. Together, the two organizations lay the foundation for dramatic increases in current and future readiness while simultaneously implementing FORCEnet and a new era in warfighting capabilities.

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